

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently amended) A method for the growing of crops comprising applying dried distiller's grain and soluble (DDGS) to the soil in which the crops are to be grown.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said crops comprise corn.
3. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said applying dried ~~distiller's grain and soluble~~ (DDGS) to the soil comprises tilling said ~~dried distiller's grain and soluble~~ (DDGS) into the soil prior to seeding of said crops.
4. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said applying ~~dried distiller's grain and soluble~~ (DDGS) to the soil comprises spreading said ~~dried distiller's grain and soluble~~ (DDGS) onto the top surface of the soil.
5. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein between 1 and 200 tons of DDGS are spread on each acre of planting area.
6. (Original) The method of claim 3 wherein between 1 and 200 tons of DDGS are tilled into each acre of planting area.
7. (Currently amended) A method comprising

processing corn, wherein said processing corn yields dried distiller's grain and soluble (DDGS) as a by-product, and

applying said ~~dried distiller's grain and soluble~~ (DDGS) to the soil in which corn is to be grown.

8. (Currently amended) The method of claim 7 wherein said applying ~~dried distiller's grain and soluble~~ (DDGS) to the soil comprises spreading said ~~dried distiller's grain and soluble~~ (DDGS) onto the top surface of soil.

9. (Currently amended) The method of claim 7 wherein said applying ~~dried distiller's grain and soluble~~ (DDGS) to the soil comprises tilling said ~~dried distiller's grain and soluble~~ (DDGS) into the soil prior to seeding.

10. (Original) The method of claim 7 further comprising growing corn in said soil.

11. (Currently amended) A method for the growing of crops comprising applying a mixture of organic compost dried distiller's grain and soluble (DDGS) to the soil in which the crops are to be grown.

12. (Original) The method of claim 11 wherein said crops comprise corn.

13. (Currently amended) The method of claim 11 wherein said applying a mixture of organic compost and ~~dried distiller's grain and soluble~~ (DDGS) to the soil comprises tilling said mixture of organic compost and ~~dried distiller's grain and soluble~~ (DDGS) into the soil prior to seeding of said crops.

14. (Currently amended) The method of claim 11 wherein said applying a mixture of organic compost and ~~dried distiller's grain and soluble~~ (DDGS) to the soil comprises spreading said mixture of organic compost and ~~dried distiller's grain and soluble~~ (DDGS) onto the top surface of the soil.

15. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising planting corn into said soil.

16. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising transplanting a crop into said soil.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Cancelled)